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Gromyko condemns terrorism but denounces 'Israel aggression'

ED NATIONS. — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko yesterday issued the strongest statement by a Soviet official so far against terrorism, saying Russia had 'acts of violence which serve positive ends and cause loss of a life.'

The United Nations is endowed with the necessary rights and possibilities to put the aggressor in his place. Earlier in his address the Soviet Foreign Minister welcomed the 'broadening of cooperation' between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S., but declared that the 'responsibility' for Israel 'aggression' rested with both Israel and the nations that support her.

Earlier in the day, U.S. efforts to get quick action on tough measures against the 'export of international terrorism' ran into parliamentary roadblocks in the U.N. Secretary of State William Rogers on Monday produced a draft treaty aimed at extradition of terrorists or their punishment in the countries where their crimes are committed.

Soviet, Egypt envoys return to their posts

By ANAN SAFADI Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter Soviet and Egyptian ambassadors in each other's countries will return to their posts today, Cairo reports said yesterday. The two ambassadors were recalled by their governments early in August during the crisis over Egypt's sudden ouster of Russian advisers on July 18.

Isolated clashes in S. Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter The Palestine Liberation Organization yesterday reported a number of 'isolated clashes' between the Lebanese army and the terrorists in southern Lebanon. The remark came in a statement made in Cairo in which the P.L.O. demanded that the Lebanese army remove the roadblocks it is using to restrict the terrorists' movements under the prevailing state of emergency.

Norway gov't to quit over Mart rebuff

OSLO (UPI). — Norwegian Prime Minister Trygve Bratteli yesterday said his Labour government will resign early next month because Norwegian voters rejected planned membership in the European Common Market. Their rejection has caused a political crisis here and speculation that Denmark may follow the Norwegian example.



Premier Trygve Bratteli

referred 'notably' to the tragic events in Munich, in 11 Israeli Olympic athletes massacred. He said in his address to the U.N. General Assembly, he said it was 'ceremoniously impossible to condone the terrorism committed by elements from among the agents in the Palestinian movement.'

NUCLEAR WEAPONS Mr. Gromyko formally proposed a resolution in the General Assembly under which all member states of the U.N. would renounce the use of force in international relations and permanently prohibit the use of nuclear weapons.

LITTLE SUPPORT A proposal by Ambassador Tapley Bennett Jr., Deputy Chief of the U.S. mission, that the 132-nation Assembly begin debate on terrorism immediately, won little support. The Soviet Union, Cuba and a number of Arab and African members held that time was needed to prepare for the terrorism debate.

Lebanon calls for joint plan against Israel

BEIRUT (UPI). — The Lebanese Parliament yesterday called for an urgent conference of Arab states to draw up a pan-Arab plan for the confrontation against Israel, a parliamentary statement said.

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The 99-man house urged the government to strengthen the Lebanese army and prepare legislation for compulsory military service. The recommendations were issued by the unicameral house after a series of closed sessions that began 10 days ago to discuss Israel attacks against Lebanon.

Market but the winning will be smaller than expected. The latest opinion polls, published last week, gave 49 per cent for Danish membership, 33 per cent against, while 18 per cent were undecided.

The Norwegian vote caught Danish politicians, the financial world, businessmen and the man-in-the-street by surprise. Spokesmen for the four major parties, who supported membership, said the vote should not influence the Danish referendum. Anti-Common Marketers from the left-wing Socialist Peoples Party came out with a 'we told you so, now let's stick to a United Scandinavia' attitude.



Aviv Hapoel's Yehuda Feigenbaum kicks the winning — and only — goal of the cup final. (Kanter)

Beats J'lem Hapoel 1-0 A. Hapoel wins State cup

By PAUL KOHN Jerusalem Post Reporter AVIV. — Tel Aviv Hapoel yesterday won the State cup in soccer for the seventh time with a 1-0 victory over Jerusalem Hapoel, before 20,000 spectators at the Ramat Stadium.

Throughout the first half, Jerusalem Hapoel seemed overawed at playing in the cup final for the first time. Their play lacked confidence, and their passing was anything but precise. Yehuda Tuval was hesitant in goal, and was to that extent blamed for the Tel Aviv goal.

WASHINGTON (INA). — The U.S. Senate yesterday restored \$35m. to its allocation for Soviet emigrants in adopting its foreign aid authorization bill for the fiscal year which began on July 1.

W. German union official arrested for spying

DUESSELDORF (Reuter). — A senior official of West Germany's Federation of Trade Unions has been arrested on suspicion of spying for East Germany, officials announced here yesterday.

Trepper honoured during visit to East Berlin

PARIS (INA). — Leopold Trepper, former chief of the Soviet spy network 'Red Orchestra,' last week visited East Berlin where he was received with 'all the honours of a visiting dignitary,' it was learned here yesterday.

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Soulez Larriere, Trepper's defence lawyer, announced that the Trepper Committee will organize a hunger strike during Polish Communist party chief Edward Giersek's visit here on next week.

Bonn 'relaxes' passport checks' for Arabs

By BRIAN AETHUR Jerusalem Post Correspondent BONN. — West Germany's respected 'Frankfurter Allgemeine' newspaper reported yesterday that passport checks for Arabs entering and leaving the country have been loosened. The paper suggested Bonn had bowed to recent Egyptian threats of retaliation.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter IFA. — An end may be in sight to the slow-down by customs officials...



Aluf Mendler Aluf Laner

Aluf Laner retires Mendler takes over Sinai Armoured Forces

By HIRSH GOODMAN Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent. — Aluf Avraham Mendler today becomes Commander of the Armoured Forces in Sinai...

HIGH COURT RULES: Rabbi's daughter to serve in the army

The High Court of Justice ruled yesterday that Sara Barazani, daughter of the rabbi of Moshav Yosef, near Beisan, will have to serve in the army...

Ashdod Port honours B-G

Jerusalem Post Reporter DOD. — David Ben-Gurion, celebrated his 88th birthday yesterday...

AGIO advertisement for cigars with images of AGIO and Medium cigars.

Justice Cohn tells local rally: Syrian Jews held protest in Damascus

By AARON SITTNER Jerusalem Post Reporter. — A number of young Syrian Jews — their exact number is not yet known — recently held a demonstration in Damascus...



HISTORY LESSON. — A bulldozer yesterday demolishing the house in which Petah Tikva's first settlers lived...

Jeroli Knit Fashions advertisement with logo and text.

Higher fines mooted for sea-polluters. The Knesset Ecology Committee has approved a proposal by Transport Minister Shimon Peres...

WHO'S WINNING? T.A. inspectors at war with unlicensed pedlars

By SARAH HONIG Jerusalem Post Reporter. — City inspectors have declared war against unlicensed pedlars around town...

New centre to coordinate volunteers for social needs

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Centre for Voluntary Services, sponsored by the Prime Minister, is appealing to the public for help in kindergartens...

Quarter-finals today in Succot tennis

By JACK LEON Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter. — Esther Rosengarten and Mara Cohen-Mintz v. Gillian Kay. The girls' under-18 finals of the current Succot National Junior Tournament...

TOURISTS! HAVE A FOOTHOLD IN ISRAEL

Real estate advertisement listing various properties in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Ramat Gan, Herzliya, Pithulach, Ramat Hasharon, Rehovot, Raanana, Netanya, and Savoyon.

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rapid deterioration of urban conditions has led to a movement to suburbia. (UPI)

A proportion of Jews living in new and cities in recent years is far higher than that of other groups. In Europe this tendency has been towards a concentration of Jews in the urban centers, but it also was large consequence of the nature of Jewish society and occupational structure. There were certain exceptions in some places in Central Europe where Jews were not allowed to live in the towns and in East Europe where many Jews lived in small towns and villages (the shtetl) — although even here they still disproportionately resided in cities — and this, incidentally, was also true for Jews in the U.S.

Jewish occupational gravitation is towards service professions (law, medicine, accounting etc.) which are also connected with urban modes and manners. Sklare further feels that an examination of Jewish housing patterns confirms the Jewish predilection for urbanism as a way of life. Jews have been ardent in their preference for the apartment as against the detached residence. "Until the most recent decades, Jews were characteristically apartment dwellers rather than home-owners. They tended to regard real estate as a commodity to be traded rather than as an economic good to be consumed."

The disappearance of the old Jewish neighborhoods is partly to be explained by the higher Jewish upper mobility and their high level of acculturation. As they move up the class ladder, they outgrow the old neighborhood. Sklare also feels that another factor is the lack of Jewish commitment to its physical environment. "The Jewish neighbourhood per se has little significance for the residents; perhaps this is conditioned by the centuries of Jewish wandering."

THE SHTETL Situation and problems of Jews in the U.S. city have been discussed by the distinguished U.S. sociologist Marshall Sklare in a recent issue of "Commentary" (published by the American Jewish Committee). He writes that there is more than any other group have enthusiastic city-dwellers in the U.S., regarding the urban environment not as a problem but as an opportunity and as a place of refuge. In fact, he calls America's Jews "the perfect urbanites."

THE SCHOOL SYSTEM Of course many Jews have been attracted out to the suburbs. Jews of German origin began to move out to Westchester in the early 1900s; those of East European origin, after World War II, with the beginning of the decay of urban life. But the major factor in tipping the balance of the move to the suburbs was the decline of the urban school system. To Jewish parents, suburban schools promised better educational opportunities than did the city schools. But in general the Jews moved out reluctantly — they missed the sociabilities of the hallways, lobbies, and the corner luncheonettes. A survey made in suburban Philadelphia a few years ago showed the non-Jews happy with their single-family homes whereas the Jews were planning to move into high-rise apartments back in the city.

Recently the impulse to move outwards has been arrested to some extent. This is partly a consequence of the ever-diminishing neighbourhoods to which Jews can move. Sklare links this, also with the two crucial events of the Holocaust and the State of Israel. As a result of the Holocaust he is more determined to hold his ground and not to give in; the State of Israel has increased his ethnic pride and made him feel more than less secure on American soil. If Jews join with their neighbours in striking roots in the "urban villages" which they are now largely living, this will represent, says Sklare — a radically new mode of group adjustment to the American city.

COUNTRY HOUSE The country house continues to be a magnet for Jews. It did the various ethnic make poor candidates for living, but many of the Jews ("Wasps") turned their backs on the city, holding it in as a disorderly and perilous place. They looked for country or at least endeavoured to create a sort of village existence in the more distant suburbs. This was aided by the development of the commuter rail lines. And so the Jews were left as outstanding additions to city life (there were some exceptions — including the unsuccessful attempts to found Jewish rural colonies in the U.S. at the end of the last century). These had no impact on the city as a whole. Only the nature of Jewish occupational patterns has been unique to the city. Jews, of course, prominent in commerce and industry have gone into manufacturing specifically concentrated in the urban environment. Sklare attributes this to the heavy industry by gentle businessmen. Pittsburgh, where gentiles led the manufacture of iron and steel, Jews concentrated on the manufacture of inexpensive cigars. A similar phenomenon can be observed in textile towns such as Lancaster and Leeds but had only tall congregations in towns where industry such as Birmingham (Shemiel). The other main

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'SHAFT' SEQUEL FAILS

SHAFT'S BIG SCORE (Cinemas). Tel Aviv: "Shaft" sprang to the public attention by winning an Oscar for its musical score, and was obviously a box-office success. So now we have a sequel. Once more Richard Roundtree plays John Shaft, a black private detective, and Moses Gunn, Bumpy, a wealthy gang leader. In the original film, Roundtree played Shaft with a kind of nervous energy that was quite convincing. Now, having settled into the role, the character of Shaft is much less clearly defined. Shaft's friend, involved in a numbers racket, is murdered. The obvious suspect is his partner Kelly. A couple of other gangsters become interested in obtaining "a piece of the action," including Bumpy. Shaft's interest is twofold. He wants to avenge his friend's murder and to assist the murdered man's sister, with whom he is having an affair. Coming between the rival gangs, and hopping from one girl's bed to another, Shaft also keeps busy by not cooperating with the police. After some beatings-up, car, boat and helicopter chases, all of which



At the Cinema have been done before, and are now rapidly becoming a bore, Shaft, manages to emerge the winner. The story itself is very thin, and much of the film consists of cars driving off, pulling up or speeding along a street. Another method of padding was that of a number of almost nude dancers gyrating and covorting in a night club scene. The film is mostly a cliché. (Aitch)

Terror threat to Bonn Cabinet

BONN (UPI). — The Black September terrorist organization has threatened most members of the German Cabinet with revenge for the death of its five members killed after the kidnapping of the Israeli athletes, according to security officials. The security authorities have requested the Bonn press corps to "use restraint" in describing the security precautions taken to protect West German politicians. The request came after the weekly news magazine, "Der Spiegel," had given details of some precautions. Franz Josef Strauss, who heads the Bavarian Christian Socialist Party, is afraid to walk the streets without a holstered pistol, the magazine said.

ARMOUR-PLATED CAR Chancellor Minister Horst Ehmke, bushy-browed chief of the Federal Intelligence Agency who only weeks ago created a security uproar by his marriage to a young, dark-eyed Czech journalist, goes nowhere without a squad of armed guards, "Der Spiegel" said. Interior Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the drab, "gemuetlich" creator of the newly founded counter-terrorist police force and head of internal security, is driven about in an armour-plated Mercedes with changeable license plates, the magazine said. Genscher is head of the Free Democrats, who reportedly have shifted their annual convention away from Munich and changed its date for fear of possible terrorist attack. Chancellor Willy Brandt rides in an armoured Mercedes and is surrounded by security agents.

According to "Der Spiegel," nearly all members of the Bonn Cabinet received mimeographed threats last week from the Black September organization. The letters threatened the ministers and their families with kidnappings and death.

BOOK FAIR The messages were postmarked Frankfurt, where the International Book Fair is being held this week.

Frankfurt police and Hesse-State security officials said that Arab terrorists have planned attacks against the Israeli and American exhibitors at the book fair.

Informed Israeli sources in Bonn said yesterday that the Israeli publishers had requested special protection during the Fair, which opens tonight.

Frankfurt police declined to comment or deny they had received such a request, but a police spokesman said, "We have arranged all possible security measures for the book fair."

A U.S. consulate spokesman in Frankfurt earlier said: "We can't say whether it is safe for American publishers to go there."



Binyamina: Lagging behind at fifty

By YA'ACOV ARDON Jerusalem Post Reporter BINYAMINA, a settlement of prosperous farmers formed on land paid for by a private agency of the Baron Edmond Benjamin de Rothschild, is celebrating its 50th birthday this month. The original 32 families honoured the Baron in naming their settlement after him. One of the veteran residents, Mordechai Shomroni, remembers the Baron's last visit in May 1925: "He arrived in his private yacht at Tantara. That was his port, his territory, which he had bought. The British District Commissioner was there to greet him, and welcomed him on behalf of the High Commissioner. The Baron gave him the tip of his fingers and didn't even look at him."

because I wasn't one of their crowd. That's how I came to Binyamina. That was a settlement that really put the ingathering of the exiles into practice. "Among the earliest families were people who had come from the Caucasian mountains, from the older settlements in Galilee and Judea, from Holland, and five or six were Americans who had been trained in California. While many of the East European halutzim kept out intruders who did not belong to their own lands, Binyamina kept out practically everybody after 1947. Once the land was distributed there was little left for newcomers and not enough for housing. After the War of Independence a ma'abara was set up there and populated by people who had arrived with little more than the rags on their backs. The majority of the veteran farmers regarded this change with undignified frigidity.

is today the livelihood for over one-fifth of Binyamina's 2,700 population. Mr. Seltzer is proud of his rosé table wine, which last year was entirely sold out: "We'll market it again when we've produced it from this year's crop," he promises. Seltzer, a man with a sense of humour, markets another specialty of his, a nut brandy which he has brand-named "Egoz Kashish" (hard nut). The label sports a picture of Mr. Ben-Gurion, "with his consent, of course," Seltzer adds. Mr. Seltzer named the company Eliaz for his son who fell in the 1948 war. The Army and Air Force have remained his loyal customers to this day, he says. The company (this year's turnover IL10m.) is planning to increase its capacity.

SECULAR NOTE The committee members listened in silence. For them religion was not the force that had brought them to Israel to a pioneering life on the land. The Baron must have noted the frigid reception of his views, for he switched to a more secular note and went on to say that "once we have a million Jews here then we shall be a nation again!" Shomroni came to Eretz Yisrael in 1924 from Vienna, aged 21, with an agricultural college diploma in his pocket. He was keen to join one of the new communal settlements in the heartland of Jewish colonization, the Jezreel Valley. He made his way there on foot, to Geva, 11 km. from Arufa on the road to Beisan.

IMMIGRANTS "It is to be regretted that the economic structure of our moshava was not geared to admit a larger number of immigrants, as we had hoped, and we are still looking towards the population growth which our settlement merits," says Avraham Magall, today's chairman of the Local Council.

STONE QUARRY Another major industrial enterprise of Binyamina is the huge stone quarry and stone crushing plant. (The quarry, gnawing away at the southern tip of the Carmel range, has inflicted an ugly scar on its landscape.) But the bulk of Binyamina's income still comes from agriculture. Of its 15,000 dunams, 3,000 are taken up by the residential section, the balance by crops, with vineyards and citrus far ahead of other crops.

His farming know-how, his age and eagerness were right, but not his background: "They were from Russia, and they regarded me as an alien, not one of theirs, and wouldn't accept me."

Industry would of course have been the answer to such passive hopes. The only one who took practical steps to that end was the Baron. He built a factory in which aromatic plants were to be processed into essential oils. Nothing came of the project. The premises stood empty for 18 years until the Halfa-born Eliaz Wine Cellars moved in. The Eliaz Co. was founded by Hungarian-born Zvi Seltzer (from Tokay), a wine expert. It grew into a flourishing enterprise which

But a new generation is rising to attack these problems.

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INDIA'S CONSUMER COUNCIL

Food adulterators sent to jail

By Lea Levavi
Jerusalem Post Reporter
you see a beggar on a street in Washington or Paris, or Tel Aviv for that matter, does it mean whole country is starving?

As a guest of the Foreign Ministry and of Israeli consumer organizations — was part of an international study tour, which included visits to European countries and to Greece and attendance at the International Organization of Consumers Unions convention in Stockholm, at which Israeli consumer groups were also represented.

In describing his organization's work to Israeli journalists, he mentioned many consumer problems which sounded all too familiar: rising prices, adulteration of food, faulty weights and measures, shady dealings with tourists and pollution.

WOMEN'S AMERICAN ORT MEETING IN JERUSALEM NEXT MONTH

Jerusalem Post Reporter
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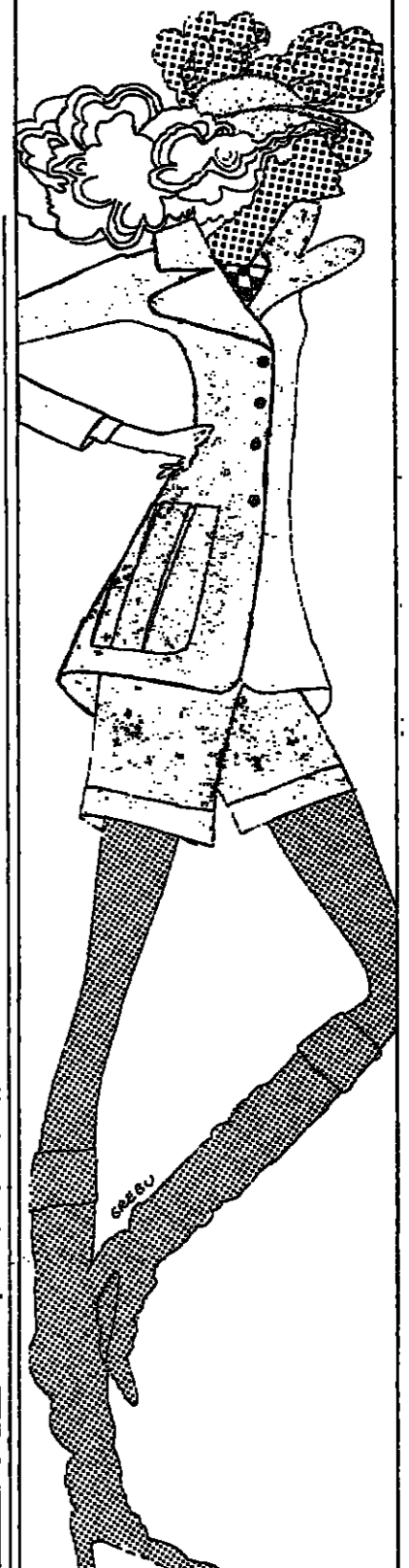
Mrs. Consuelo de Velasco, wife of the Peruvian President, presented with a gift made by the children at Wizo's Parents' Circle in Jaffa, when she visited them earlier this week.

Israeli runs successful charity bazaar in Rome

By Thea Simons
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
ROME — A VIVA Najar, wife of the Israeli Ambassador to Rome, was received last week by Italian President Giovanni Leone in recognition of her work as Fund Raising Chairman for the International Organization for Aid to the Mentally Handicapped.

Thousands of people were on hand to browse among the booths that some of Rome's finest shops had set up, and to enjoy the star-studded programme of entertainment. President Leone had expressed his support of the benefit through a note, and contributed a set of silverware which was auctioned off for \$1,000.

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Fruit from the fig tree

By Molly Lyons Bar-David
THE ancient fig trees are mentioned at least fifty times in the Bible. Figs are now on the market and while many of us like to eat them raw here are a few more recipes for you to try.

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WATCH ON THE CANAL

By HUSSER GOODMAN Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Aluf Dan Laner, leaving the army today after more than 30 years in uniform, was appointed Commander of the Armoured Forces in Sinai in May 1970 — some eight months after the cease-fire between Israel and Egypt came into effect.

"Even the most optimistic among us did not believe that the cease-fire would last for more than three months," he told correspondents at a meeting last week.

"The Egyptians are not pacifists," he explained. "The only reason there has not been a single major contravention of the cease-fire — but only isolated shots here and there — for the past three years is because the Egyptians have come to the conclusion that they do not have a chance against Israel in either a full-scale or limited operation."

Of the 100,000 Egyptian soldiers stationed on the Suez Canal, he believes there is not one who wants to fight.

The Bar-Lev line — Israel's fortifications along the Canal — is one of the largest undertakings ever carried out by Israel. Many millions of pounds — and knowledge gleaned from all over the world — have been invested in making the line both impregnable and safe.

The main work is over, says Aluf Laner, but "the building never ends." Improvements and modifications are constantly being made.

The "other side" does not rest either. Aluf Laner says that tractors are constantly busy on the Egyptian side, and that the Egyptians have built themselves a line which is defensive and affords them the ability to attack with a minimum amount of preparation.

Despite the constant activity on the Egyptian side there are no signs



One of the major problems facing soldiers on the Canal is boredom.

of life in the Canal towns left ravaged by the war of attrition. Apart from the occasional farmers there is no civilian activity on the other side, he said.

Aluf Laner is convinced that the strategy Israel has adopted in Sinai is correct. The past three years have proved this, he said, adding that no other line of defence would allow Israel to hold the Egyptians at bay with the forces it now employs in Sinai.

Israel has almost entirely negated the penetration of Egyptian intelligence missions into Sinai from Egypt, he said.

There was a period when there were regular missions from Egypt, but within three months all points of access were effectively blocked, and over the past two years there have been no serious attempts at all, he said.

Aluf Laner told critics that the I.D.F. could not possibly be held responsible for the State Comptroller's charges of wastage and overpayment during the construction work at the Canal.

One of the major problems facing soldiers stationed at the Canal is boredom, he said.

Leaves is given more often than before, and Aluf and other officers have been organized. Lectures and talks are arranged on a regular basis and living conditions have been improved tremendously.

The Egyptians still believe they can influence the morale of the Israeli troops by "electronic warfare." Regular use of the megaphone and microphone by Egyptian "propaganda experts" have had absolutely no effect on the troops, he said.

Aluf Laner will be returning to his kibbutz, Neot Mordechai, in the Galilee, where he will grow cotton.

Israel's hotel guest

ONE or two points are beginning to emerge more clearly from the extraordinary comedy that is being played out by Mr. Paglin and his associates over the dispatch of illegal arms abroad and that has already involved the police, the courts, and the Justice Minister.

A crate being sent abroad was discovered to contain arms, on their way to a cover address in the U.S. but for a final destination in Europe. It has been admitted that four or more such crates were successfully sent before. This suggests that somebody within the group has a supply of arms available for this purpose: it is not likely that the weapons found were the bottom of the barrel.

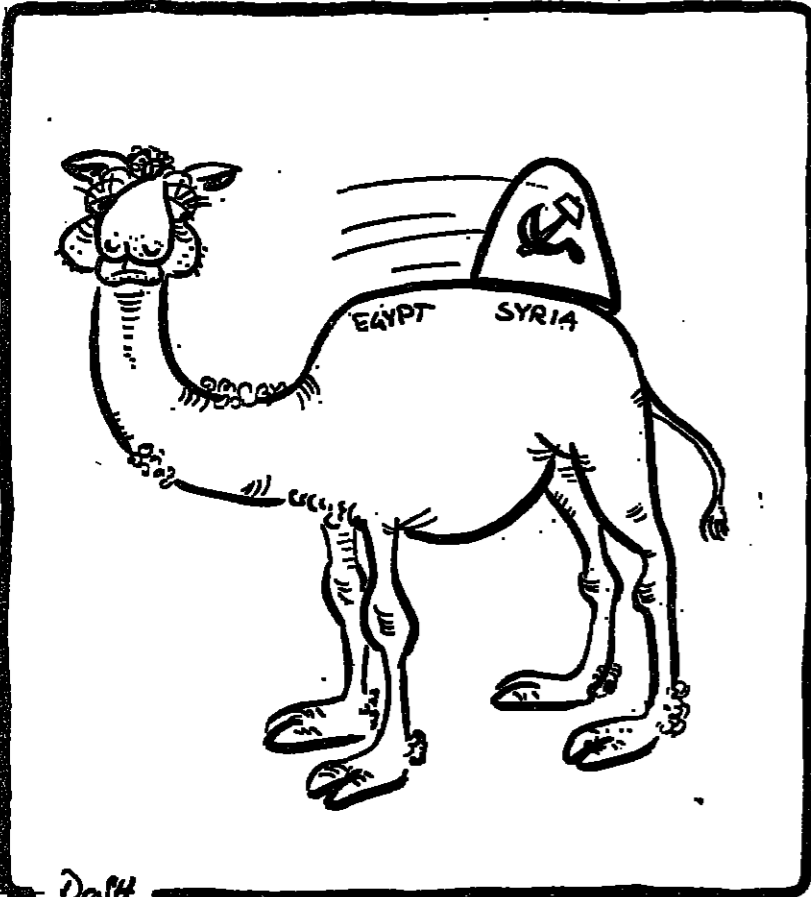
Mr. Amihai Paglin, who is suspected of having made the technical arrangements for the dispatch of the arms, refuses to cooperate in the investigation until he obtains a firm commitment that no legal action will be taken against anybody he mentions. Presumably the present arms were in fact intended to be used for counter-terrorism in Europe — a charge on which those involved might get off with a warning if they undertook to stop all such activities in future — but it seems quite possible that some of the people through whom these arms were supplied have also been supplying them to gangsters who hold up petrol stations and banks.

Nor would Rabbi Kahane have placed such emphasis on the amnesty guarantee if he did not have reason to fear it might be needed. Apart from his statement that the Jewish Defence League has been involved in the

arms shipments, he appears to have been careful to keep sufficiently far away from the action to give no cause for his detention. If he really nurses the illusion, as he claims, that it is "because of the public's regard for him" that he is at liberty, he may be due for a very rude awakening one of these days.

It is farcical to detain a suspect "in a hotel," where he is free to brief other possible witnesses if he wishes, to use any of the public telephones, making the recommended police supervision of conversations a joke. Nobody is going to force Mr. Paglin to talk, but the public is going to want to know why he should be kept at their expense at a hotel while he declines to cooperate in a police investigation.

FAR-REACHING CHANGES IN THE ARAB WORLD



PRESS COMMENT

Ha'aretz (non-party), commenting on reports of a Soviet arms lift to Syria, assumes that such consignments are intended to strengthen Syria politically. The paper writes: "They do not imply a Soviet attempt at entrenchment in Syria, as was the case with Egypt. The danger inherent in the arms supplies is that the Syrians will interpret them as a Soviet green light to begin harassing Israel."

Davar (Histadrut) finds nothing new in Mr. Rogers' call for proximity talks. The paper says that the U.S. Secretary of State merely reiterated the U.S. position against imposing a settlement, and thus took a stand similar to that of Israel. Hatzofe (National Religious Party) says that Mr. Rogers does not identify himself with Israel's view that the elimination of terrorism is a pre-condition for talks.

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Readers' letters

TWO VIEWS ON LANSKY. To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post. Sir, — With reference to the two letters which appeared on September 20 concerning the Lansky verdict, may I say I am an average Israeli citizen also. As such, I hope to speak in the name of thousands of Israeli citizens for whom Meyer Lansky appears to be a criminal who would like to spend in Israel some of the money he earned unlawfully abroad because he has that since he is a Jew, he has the right to live here and find a haven here against criminal proceedings. For me he is first a criminal and then a Jew. Therefore, the criminal Lansky should be delivered to his judges.

Being a Jew is an honour for me, which I do not wish to share with Mr. Lansky. FELIX BLOCH Jerusalem, September 20.

THE PREMIER OF BARBADOS. To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post. Sir, — Israel has just had the visit of the colourful and brilliant Premier of Barbados, the Hon. Errol Barrow. But few people know that Mr. Barrow is a descendant of an old Jewish family. During several visits to the fascinating old Jewish cemetery in Bridgetown, Barbados, I came across a fine bilingual tombstone of an 18th century man who in the Hebrew text was called Shimon Baruch, but in the English text, Simon Barrow. When I asked the Premier if there was a connection between him and the Baruch family, he confirmed this and gave me interesting details of the life of his Jewish great-grandfather. With a typically hearty chuckle, he attributed to his Jewish forebears his many-sided interests and intellectual pursuits.

THE USUAL BUCK-PASSING. To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post. Sir, — I refer to the letter from Minna Davidson in your issue of September 20, the reply from the Soldiers' Welfare Committee being the usual buck-passing we have come to expect in such cases. It is not only in Jerusalem that such disorder exists. Here in the Ramat Yosef estate of Bat Yam the matter would seem to be even worse. In the beginning — a couple of years ago — the pupils of Yehuda school (attended by two of my children) were asked to bring waste paper to school. All the paper was collected in a huge crate in the school and this was emptied from time to time by the Soldiers' Welfare Committee. After some time a large bin was also placed outside the local Post Office, and was even emptied once or twice.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFAD. To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post. Sir, — In her article, "Lotte of Gaiel Kinneret" (September 8), Helga Dudman attributes the idea of establishing the Rimon Inn in Safad to Mr. Aminadav Ashbel, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Israel Land Development Company. Due credit should be given to Mr. Jack Geri, who was at one time director of the Africa-Palestina Investment Company, Minister of Commerce and Industry in Mr. Ben-Gurion's Government, and also a member of the Board of Directors of the Israel Land Development Company and who, during one of his many visits to Safad in the early '50s, initiated this particular project. Unfortunately, illness prevented him from bringing it to fruition personally. MOSES MEIRI Safad, September 11.

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